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Swedish Arms Official Admits He Spied for Soviet for 15 Years

Ex-Attache in Washington Is Said to Have Sold Secrets of U.S. and NATO

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Swedish Government announced today the arrest of one or its disarmament specialists on charges that he had spied for

the Soviet Union since 1948. According to the announcement, Col. Stig Wennerstrom has confessed to having accepted Soviet pay for 15 years.

The public prosecutor here said the 57-year-old colonel had furnished the Russians with military data on Sweden and "other countries." The "other countries," it was understood, are the United States and other members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

manded the immediate recall of ish and international law." Mr. work in 1948 when he was two members of the Soviet Nilsson expressed "the definite serving as an instructor in the United States officials declined Embassy. They are Maj. Gen. expectation that Soviet officials air force college for senior of today to comment on the arrest Vitali A. Nikolsky, the army, in Sweden would retrain from the provided by the senior of Colonel Wennerstrom.

Foreign Minister Torsten Nilsson delivered a sharp protest to

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Associated Press Col. Stig Wennerstrom

the Soviet chargé d'affaires Geneva. The Swedish Government against activities by Soviet dipcolonel had apparently been realso announced that it had de-ilomats "contrary to both Swed-cruited for Soviet espionage"

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ment and the public, was di scribed by officials as the gravest and most shocking in the history of this neutral country

The Social Democratic Cov

ernment of Premier Tage ErHis arrest was disclosed in
lander was summoned to a spe-conection with the Public
cial meeting tomorrow to con-Prosecutors furnal application
sider the situation, to the City Court for parals.

The arrest of Colonel Wen-sion to commit the colonel to
nerstrom also came as a shock fall for a prolonged gried
to the American community Under Swedish law persons arhere. Having been Swedish air rested by the police may be
attache in Washington from held only five days without
1952 to 1957, the colonel had further legal proceedings,
been a frequent and popular The court is expected to act
guest in the homes of United on Friday. An indictment and
States Embassy orders.

The Public Prosecutor de-follow.

photographed," the official said interests had been harmed. It He added that the colonel had said it would take "the necesconfessed having turned over sary steps" as soon as possible, the rolls of film to a "contact" To some Swedish officials the man, among other places at most shocking aspect of the Soviet Embassy receptions.

Colonel at Geneva Talks

The colonel has been retired from military service since pionage cases in Sweden since armament negotiations

Vitali A. Nikolsky, the army, in Sweden would retrain from the went to Moscow the following year as Swedish air cleally active in Washington duractive in the espionage case, which attaché. He had previously secretary of the embassy.

Stinned the Swedish Governserved in the Soviet Union as the last year of his stay.

From Moscow, he was trans-At the end of five years of duty there, he received the customary Legion of Merit decoration that Legion of Merit decoration that the United States awards to town, W. Va., where they were friendly countries.

officers.

Colonel Wennerstrom was arrested last Thursday. Swedish authorities declined to say what had made them suspicious of him or how long he had been under surveillance.

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scribed Colonel Wennerstrom's. The Swedish Government activities as having been 'of timeed today that it had alconsiderable scope."

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disclosure that the spying had been undertaken

1961 when he became an adviser the World War II but none of on disarmament problems for the magnitude of this one. the Swedish Foreign Ministry. In the others, officials noted, the has taken part in the disting main motivation had approximate the main m in parently been ideological.

U.S. Officials Silent Special to The New York Times.

assistant air attaché in 1940 In the last year of his daughter Christine ran away with Huw Williams, a 17-year-

senior military attachés from refused a marriage licese be-friendly countries. Returning home in 1957, he finally intercepted at Williams-was attached for the last four port, Pa., on a speeding charge, years of his active military Christine departed with her career to the Defense Ministry's mother on the following day for Sweden.